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SUBJ: 1977 CONSULAR CONFERENCE

1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER, S. RICHARD RAND WILL REPRESENT

HAMILTON AT 1977 CONSULAR CONFERENCE. I HAVE SUPERVISORY
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE POLICIES FOR
VISA AND PASSPORT FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDE PRIMARY FOCUS FOR
PROBLEM AREAS. TENTATIVE ETA PORT OF SPAIN 2007 HOURS
(LOCAL) 5 SEPT., EASTERN AIRLINES 975.

2. ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THIS POST AMONG DESIGNATED
AGENDA ITEMS ARE (A) ZERO BASE BUDGETING, (B) 1976 INA
AMENDMENTS, FRAUD, AND (C) ARREST CASES.

3. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO HAMILTON WOULD BE DISCUSSIONS
WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM THOSE POSTS WHICH HAVE INS/CUSTOMS
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PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES (NASSAU, VANCOUVER, MONTREAL AND
TORONTO) AND WITH INS REP. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING FRAUD
PATTERN REPORTED IN HAMILTON OM OF 23 JUNE (SALE OF

IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS FOR FRAUDULENT ENTRY OF ALIENS

INTO U.S.), I WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE INFORMATION WITH

POSTS AND INS/ON MINIMAL STANDARD OF IDENTIFICATION FOR

U.S. CITIZENS AT PRECLEARANCE POINTS. ALSO GENERAL

DISCUSSIONS WITH ARA POSTS WITH ID FRAUD PROBLEMS WOULD

BE HELPFUL AS THEY ARE HAVING REPERCUSSIONS HERE.

4. ARREST CASES: I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH

REPS FROM THOSE POSTS WHICH HAVE HEAVY U.S. TOURIST

TRAFFIC SIMILAR TO BERMUDA. HAMILTON IS PLAGUED WITH

ARREST CASES (FIVE OR SIX PER WEEK) RESULTING FROM

ILLEGAL IMPORTATIONS OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA. I

UNDERSTAND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN SOME TOURIST-ORIENTED AREAS

HAVE/INSTITUTED LAST MINUTE CONFESSION PROGRAMS OR OTHER

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CLEMENCY PROCEDURES IN THIS REGARD. WE ARE ATTEMPTING

TO INITIATE SIMILAR PROGRAMS HERE AND CAN BENEFIT FROM

EXPERIENCE OF OTHER POSTS.

5. CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORTS: TRAVEL CONTROL REGULATIONS

DO NOT REQUIRE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING TO MOST POSTS RE-

PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE TO BE IN POSSESSION OF U.S. PASSPORTS.

I ASSUME MANY POSTS HAVE QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO OURS REGARDING

SATISFACTORILY ESTABLISHING IDENTITY OF APPLICANTS WHO

DEPARTED U.S. AT ANY EARLY AGE AND ARE APPLYING FOR FIRST

TIME AS TEENAGERS OR ADULTS (FRAUD PATTERNS DEVELOPED, ETC.)

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